REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 6-13 and 17, 18, and 21-28 are pending. Claims 13 and 26 are amended only for clarity and with support in the originally filed disclosure at least at page 5, lines 18-26. Thus, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13 and 26 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and Claims 2, 4, 6-12, 17, 18, 21-25, 27, and 28 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability for Claims 2, 4, 6-12, 17, 18, 21-25, 27, and 28.

Claims 13 and 26 are amended to clarify a relationship between an increase in speed of paper advancement and reduction in noise caused by vibration due to the paper advancement. The previous recitation of Claims 13 and 26 referred to a "combination" that was asserted as being unclear.

Based on the amendments to Claims 13 and 26, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claims 13 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Further, Applicants submit that the present response is properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).

Applicants request that, if the present amendment is not deemed to clarify the claims or if any other informalities are identified, the Examiner contact Applicants' representative by telephone for expedited resolution.

In view of the amendments herein, the outstanding rejections are traversed and the

pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable

action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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